

SOLICITATION ADDENDUM

Date: **11/25/2025**
Subject: **IBM Midrange Servers & Related Services**
Solicitation Number: **6100063328**
Due Date/Time: **12/9/2025 at 2:00 PM ET**
Addendum Number: **2**

To All Suppliers:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania defines a solicitation “Addendum” as an addition to or amendment of the original terms, conditions, specifications, or instructions of a procurement solicitation (e.g., Invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals).

List any and all changes:

- The Commonwealth has received questions for this solicitation. Responses to the questions are provided on Page 3 of this Solicitation Addendum.
- The following documents have been revised as of 11/20/2025:
 - 02. IBM Midrange Servers & Related Services Specifications -revised 11.20.2025 replaces 02. IBM Midrange Servers & Related Services Specifications 11.14.2025
 - 03.Appendix A_Cost Matrix_IBM Midrange Servers and Related Services - Revised 11.20.2025 replaces 03.Appendix A_Cost Matrix_IBM Midrange Servers and Related Services.
- The following updates have been made to 02.IBM Midrange Servers & Related Services Specifications 11.20.2025:
 - The Calendar of Events has been updated to reflect that Bids must be submitted to the PA Supplier Portal no later than this date Tuesday, December 9th, 2025, at 2:00 P.M. ET.
 - Section I. Project Description. has been updated to state “Through the awarded contracts, Commonwealth agencies will purchase Equipment and products across the full line of IBM Power based systems, and related Services. Services may include installation, asset management, service integration, and support services. Equipment will include IBM Power Systems designed to run AIX, IBM I and Linux, and the associate subsystems such as batch scheduling, backup management, hardware monitoring and management, operating systems, and management and hosting of these systems at designated Commonwealth facilities. This IFB does not include the purchase of x86 server and storage devices.
- The following updates have been made to 03.Appendix A_Cost Matrix_IBM Midrange Servers and



Related Services – Revised 11.20.2025 on the Instructions and Mandatory OEM tab:

- Instructions tab: Under Mandatory OEM tab, 1.b. IBM Power Systems equipment was updated to IBM Power based systems equipment.
- Mandatory OEM tab: The MANDATORY OEM has been updated to reflect “IBM Power Systems designed to run AIX, IBM I and Linux. This update replaces the previous IBM iSeries and IBM pSeries equipment.
- Mandatory OEM tab: Language added to the MANDATORY OEM that states, “Percentage entered represents the maximum markup or minimum markdown off the MSRP across the full line of IBM Power based systems of software and system equipment and additional features necessary for the new or existing system to be fully operational.”
- Mandatory OEM tab: Maintenance and Warranty has been updated to reflect “IBM systems designed to run AIX, IBM I and Linux.
- Mandatory OEM tab: Language added to Maintenance and Warranty states, “Percentage entered represents the maximum markup or minimum markdown off for Maintenance and Warranty Services for IBM equipment and associate subsystems designed to run AIX, IBM I and Linux.”

Type of Solicitation: Electronic Bid (SRM) - Review the Questions section of your solicitation response to ensure you have responded, as required, to any questions relevant to solicitation addenda issued subsequent to the initial advertisement of the solicitation opportunity.

Except as clarified and amended by this Addendum, the terms, conditions, specifications, and instructions of the solicitation and any previous solicitation addenda, remain as originally written.

Respectfully,

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Midrange Servers & Related Services, IFB 6100063328 Questions & Answers

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Maintenace and Warranty -are you looking for this through IBM series to support the services your requesting or are you looking for contractr service to support the IBM products or both?	IBM Midrange Servers & Related Services Specifications - revised 11.20.2025. Section III, Requirements, J. Maintenance and Warranty Services of the Specifications Document, the awarded Bidder must be able to perform on-site warranty services either directly or through the OEM, and any services not performed by the OEM must be performed by an OEM-authorized service provider.
2	SOW does not really give information accept that it is a template. Was this purposely done like this?	Information regarding Appendix F is found in IBM Midrange Servers & Related Services Specifications - revised 11.20.2025 document, Section III. Requirements, I. Optional Services.
3	On the Appendix A Cost Matrix would the Commonwealth consider changing the product designation from IBM iSeries and IBM pSeries to IBM Scale-out and IBM Scale-up servers? In general, Scale-out servers are smaller business servers and Scale-up are larger enterprise servers. Discount off list may be different between these two approaches and would be independent of the OS (IBM i, AIX or Linux) which run on both architectures.	IBM Midrange Servers & Related Services Specifications - revised 11.20.2025. Section I. Project Description. has been updated and states: Through the awarded contracts, Commonwealth agencies will purchase Equipment and products across the full line of IBM Power based systems, and related Services. Services may include installation, asset management, service integration, and support services. Equipment will include IBM Power Systems designed to run AIX, IBM I and Linux, and the associate subsystems such as batch scheduling, backup management, hardware monitoring and management, operating systems, and management and hosting of these systems at designated Commonwealth facilities. This IFB does not include the purchase of x86 server and storage devices.
4	Will an awarded bidder be able to propose hosting services as outlined in Exhibit B Requirements for Non-Commonwealth Hosted Application/Services as part of this contract?	There is no Non-Commonwealth Hosted option for this solicitation. IBM Midrange Servers & Related Services Specifications - revised 11.20.2025. Section I. Project Description. Equipment will include IBM Power Systems designed to run AIX, IBM I and Linux, and the associate subsystems such as batch scheduling, backup management, hardware monitoring and management, operating systems, and management and hosting of these systems at designated Commonwealth facilities.
5	With answers to questions tentatively being released on Nov 25 and the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, would the Commission consider extending the submission deadline by one week?	The Commonwealth has extended the deadline to submit bids for solicitation 6100063328 to Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. ET.